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New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at socotransmission.com.

COMMENT

Meeting Attended:

Walsenburg Scoping Meeting

Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Radio or Television Interference, Noise, Health and Safety, Biological Resources, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Other, Proximity to Residences
OTHER: wildlife

Property Uses:

Agriculture, Residential

Comment:

I own 59.8 acres with two houses and a pole barn about a mile south on Majors Ranch Road which appears to be about 1/2 mile north of your proposed alternative route numbered 66.

I-145-001 | I have lived year round at this residence for almost 3 years and the home and outbuildings have been standing since 2002. I have three neighbors within a mile radius who are year round residents and four who are oart-time residents with structures on their properties. None of these residences were marked on your maps. I'm concerned that you have not identified this area as a residential area.

I-145-002 | I moved here for the solitude, silence, viewsheds, and wildlife. The construction and operation of a 230-volt transmission line would certainly interfere with all of those rare aspects of the place. It would also substantially reduce the value of my property which I will have to sell within 5-10 years because of my age.

I-145-003 | I have enjoyed sharing the area with the following wildlife: elk, deer, black bear, pronghorn, bobcat, mountain lion, bullsnake, rattlesnake, horned lizard, various other lizards, hawks, ravens, eagles, mourning doves, wild turkey, and numerous songbirds.

The area is prone to flash floods, lightening strikes, high winds, and drought -- conditions that I imagine would interfere with construction and maintenance of a 230-volt transmission line.

I-145-004 | Politically and philosophically, I believe that the best way to solve the nation's energy problems is by offering incentives to and fostering smaller, local energy projects and fostering local energy independence. This view is discussed and defended at length by Amory Lovins, founder of Rocky Mountain Institute, who argues that "the free market has already begun to favor distributed energy over centralized energy."

However, I do understand the need to strengthen and improve the nation's infrastructure and I do support the construction of this transmission line.

I-145-005 | I believe it should be built in existing utility corridors. I believe part or all of the line should be

I-145-006

I-145-001: Correction to Data (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The information you provided will be verified and project materials will be updated accordingly.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-145-002: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential environmental consequences and mitigation measures from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-145-003: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)

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I-145-004: Project Alternatives (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment from has been received and your comment noted. A range of reasonable project alternatives and mitigation measures including the no action alternative will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-145-006 | underground to preserve the pristine beauty of this area. And I believe there should be economic
I-145-007 | benefits in the form of incentives for renewable energy projects in the most affected counties.

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I-145-005: Route Refinement (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Route refinement for the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-145-006: Project Alternatives (In Review)

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I-145-007: Project Alternatives (In Review)

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